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Sir:

After receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated December 16, 2004, for the above-captioned patent application, but before payment of the Issue Fee, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, for purposes of clarifying certain claim language.